



## LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is developing plans for a proposed small structure replacement project, located approximately 2.35 miles east of SR 262 on State Road (SR) 56 in Randolph Township, Ohio County, Indiana.

The purpose of this project is to provide a structure that achieves an overall rating of 7 out of 9 (good) or better and maintains the current uses of the existing structure (e.g., hydraulics, cattle crossing).

The project proposes to replace the existing structure that carries SR 56 over Buck Creek with a new small structure. The existing structure is a precast concrete slab top widened with one concrete beam on each side that is 33 feet long with a 10-foot span and a 6-foot rise. The proposed replacement structure is a 46-foot long, 10-foot by 9-foot three-sided flat top precast concrete structure with wingwalls sumped 6 inches. In addition to the replacement, class I riprap on geotextile will be placed at the structure's inlet and an articulating concrete block mat will be used through the span of the structure and at the outlet to facilitate the safe passage of cattle on a vegetated bottom. The project will consist of two 12-foot travel lanes with 4-foot usable shoulders, where guardrail exists traveling northwest, and 3-foot usable shoulders where guardrail does not exist. Roadside ditches will be maintained or graded to facilitate drainage to the culvert. The parts of the existing cattle fence, along SR 56, that are within the proposed right-of-way (ROW) will be removed as part of the ROW acquisition.

The proposed construction of this project will require approximately 0.734 acre of permanent ROW and no temporary ROW. No relocations of residents or businesses will be required for this project.

Maintenance of traffic (MOT) is anticipated to be a complete closure of SR 56 with a detour. The proposed detour route would utilize US 50 and SR 129. The proposed detour route is approximately 48 miles long and would add about 15 minutes of additional travel. The detour is anticipated to last for 30 days. This detour route was chosen over SR 262 to facilitate truck traffic in the area. Access for local businesses and residences will be maintained throughout construction. The proposed start of construction is Summer 2023.

The construction cost is estimated at \$685,000, with federal and state funding. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and INDOT have agreed this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level-2 environmental document. Approximately 120 linear feet of stream impacts will occur to one stream identified in the project area. No impacts to wetlands will occur. The project will require removing approximately 0.14 acre of trees for construction access and activities. Preliminary design plans along with the CE document are available for review at the following locations

- INDOT Seymour District Website: <https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-seymour-district/sr-56-over-buck-creek-small-structure-replacement/>
- Ohio Public Library, Rising Sun Branch, 503 Second St., Rising Sun, IN 47040

A hard copy of the CE document can be mailed to interested parties upon request.

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Sawyer Patrick, Environmental Scientist, SJCA Inc., 9102 N. Meridian St., Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46260, 317-566-0629, or [spatrick@sjcainc.com](mailto:spatrick@sjcainc.com), on or before October 4, 2021.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available to them in alternative formats are encouraged to contact INDOT for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact INDOT Project Manager Matthew Walker at [matwalker@indot.in.gov](mailto:matwalker@indot.in.gov) or 812-528-1868. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in another language are encouraged to contact INDOT Project Manager Matthew Walker at [matwalker@indot.in.gov](mailto:matwalker@indot.in.gov) or 812-528-1868.

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